



# News Release

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## **BLM & NDF Lifting Western Nevada Fire Restrictions on October 8**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District Office, and the Nevada Division of Forestry's Sierra Forest Fire Protection District announce the lifting of fire restrictions that have been in place since July 23, 2011.

**Restrictions will expire at 12:01 a.m., Saturday morning, October 8, 2011.**

"Decreasing daily sunlight, increasing fuel moisture levels, and unseasonably cool temperatures are allowing us to lift fire restrictions," note the agency Fire Management Officers. "However, wildfire is still possible even though we have received rain and snow this week. We encourage the public to continue enjoying their federal, state, and private lands responsibly by being very careful with any fire."

Recreationists need to be fire safe with all their outdoor activities, including insuring that their campfires are dead out. Leaving campfires unattended is a class B misdemeanor. Other important reminders for all outdoor enthusiasts include the following:

- Target practice, riding motorcycles/ATVs without a spark arrester, and careless smoking can all cause unwanted wildland fires.
- The use of propane stoves versus campfires and charcoal grill fires is still preferred in these dry conditions.
- Fireworks are *a/ways* illegal to possess and use on Nevada's federal, state, or local lands.
- Firewood cutters must have a chainsaw with a functioning, approved spark arrester screen on the exhaust.
- Open burning on private land still requires a permit from local fire departments.

For more information on this release, please contact the BLM-Carson City District Office at 885-6000; or the Nevada Division of Forestry at 684-2712.

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